Civil Surgeon's appointment.

447. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state who was appointed in the vacancy of Civil Surgeon caused by the promotion of Dr. Raghavendra Rao as the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer;

(b) what was the principle on which the Government acted in fulfilling the vacancy, seniority in service, qualification or personal merit and character?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Dr. C. L. Joseph.

(b) Qualification.

Registrar of Panchayats.

448. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) 1. the date on which Mr. Raphael was appointed Registrar of Panchayats;

2. what was his pay at the time of appointment;

3. what is his present pay;

4. the names of officers in the service who were drawing more pay and who had more service than Mr. Raphael at the time of his appointment as Registrar and whose claims were overlooked;

5. were there officers in the Department of Agriculture and Panchayats drawing more pay than Mr. Raphael and whose claims were overlooked;

6. if so, their names, qualifications, service and pay,

7. the names of Tahsildars, Managers of Departments of and Devaswam Inspectors who had more service and more pay than Mr. Raphael at the time of his new appointment with their pay and service;

(b) have the Government come to know that in Travancore only officers of the grade of Diwan Peishkar are appointed as Heads of Panchayat Department and that in Madras only officers of the rank of Civilians are appointed Registrars of Panchayats?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) (1) On 25—2—1931.

(2) Rs. 115 in the grade of Rs. 100—150.

(3) Rs. 150 in the grade of Rs. 150—250.

(4) The Member is referred to the latest Civil List a copy of which is placed on the Council Table. The claims of these officers were duly considered when the appointment was made.

(5) and (6) Please vide answer to part 4 above.

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